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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, RECORDING MEDIUM AND IMAGE SYNTHESIS  
METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of fifty (5 ) pages
- ☒ Twelve (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority based on Application No(s). 2000-399628 filed in Japan on December 27, 2000.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. 2000-399628 filed in Japan on December 27, 2001, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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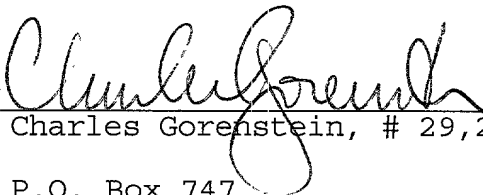
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